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Brazos River Flood Update

The 2 a.m. readings at the Brazos River at the Brazoria Reservoir and at Oyster Creek at the Dow pump station near Lake Road and FM 2004 were 22.80 feet and 17.60 respectively. This is twelve consecutive hours that these levels have remained the same.

Bastrop Bayou continues to be the biggest problem for Lake Jackson and our neighbors. The Northwood Subdivision streets are still inundated with water. We have had no reports of water in any homes. City crews successfully capped manholes in Northwood to stop bayou waters from entering the sanitary sewer system. The excess water in lift station 14 is now pumping down. It is our hope that this improvement continues throughout the night. We are grateful to Northwood residents for heeding our requests to curtail use of the sewer system.

City crews worked feverishly to prevent backflow of the bayou into the floodgates at the Brazos Canal at Regal Storage near FM 2004 and CR 288. This effort is working as well.

The best thing for all of us is for the levels in the Bastrop Bayou to fall. There simply has been a tremendous amount of water coming to us from the North.

In other areas, Shy Pond has receded substantially over the last day.

It appears we may be at the height of the flood. It is time for all this water to go away. Unfortunately we expect levels in the river, creek, and bayou to stay high for a number of days.

More updates to follow.